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Analysis of Volatile Compounds for the Assessment of Food Quality and Authentication

Message from the Guest Editors

Volatile compounds play a key role in defining the sensory characteristics of foods, contributing significantly to their aroma, flavor, and overall quality. Their determination has become increasingly relevant not only for sensory profiling but also as a powerful tool for food authentication and quality assessment. Advances in analytical techniques, such as gas chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry (GC-MS) or ion mobility spectrometry (GC-IMS), electronic noses, and other approaches, have expanded our ability to identify, quantify, and interpret volatile profiles across a wide variety of food matrices. These volatile fingerprints can be used to detect adulteration, monitor freshness, assess the impact of processing and storage, and differentiate products based on geographical origin or production method. This Special Issue of *Foods* invites the submission of original research articles and critical reviews focused on the development and application of volatile compound analysis for food quality evaluation, authenticity verification, and sensory characterization.

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